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Good Afternoon,

Last week, I met with Alice Low, Program Manager of the Bay Delta Region, and other staff at Department of Fish and Wildlife to discuss potential coordination opportunities with the Delta Conservancy for our two new USEPA grant funds. Alice and I also discussed the “Tidal Wetland Monitoring” Project and opportunities for coordination with the California Wetland Monitoring Workgroup.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife formed an interagency workgroup to focus on fish & food resources in the Delta to address the BDCP regulatory requirements once it is approved. The workgroup will first focus on developing a general framework for monitoring followed by a more specific monitoring plan for major restoration sites. As Alice indicated they are invested in Level III / intensive assessment monitoring. A meeting was held at the end of June and the workgroup discussed the conceptual models, hypotheses, and monitoring metrics for tidal wetland restoration.

I’ve attached the draft monitoring matrices and hypotheses from the workgroup meeting. The timeline for the draft monitoring plan is at the end of this calendar year.

The DRERIP conceptual models to be reviewed at:

https://www.dfg.ca.gov/erp/current_models.asp

Alice and I thought that an initial information discussion for potential coordination with the Tidal Wetland Monitoring Project may begin at the CWMW meeting.

Please let me know if you would like us to schedule an agenda item for the Tidal Wetland Monitoring Project with Alice at the next meeting. Please also let me know if there are specific questions that you would like Alice to address in her presentation.

Thank you,

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